

abolish distinction between languages in the matter of salary of teachers, they have placed the salaries of the Arabic Pandits on the same scale as those of other Pandits in Lower Secondary Schools and High Schools?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes, they have been placed in the same grade as Pandits of other languages in the Lower Secondary Schools.

III.—treatment of the Depressed Classes.

4. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there were complaints to the Commissioner of Police by the Depressed Classes regarding ill-treatment of the Depressed Class people this year;

(b) (i) whether the Sub-Inspector of Chalakudi reported that it is generally a plea put forward by the managers for the cooked up attendance, etc;

(ii) if so, what was the exact report; and

(iii) the action taken regarding the petition?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) (i) Yes.

(ii) Extract from the Sub-Inspector's report is appended (*Vide Appendix I*).

(iii) The petition was enquired into. The parties effected a compromise.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether this matter was brought to the notice of the Protector of the Depressed Classes?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I happened to have heard about it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it sent direct by the complainants?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I can't say. I have gone through the report.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any action taken by the Director of Public Instruction regarding this matter?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Necessary enquiries were made.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I would like to know what was the action taken.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Whatever actions were necessitated were taken.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know the action taken.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It was only a report from the Sub-Inspector, and we gave due weight to the report.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this matter reported to the Commissioner of Police as it was a false statement?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is not a false statement. An officer makes an enquiry and submits a report.

President.—Only one Member should stand at a time.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it an incorrect statement?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was it not sent to the Commissioner of Police?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—He did his best and reported what he was able to find out. It was for me to judge. I came to the conclusion that there was no necessity for any further action.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was it not reported to the Commissioner?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I said there was no necessity to report it to the Commissioner of Police.

President.—The Director of Public Instruction did not think it necessary.

Attack of small pox.

5. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of attacks and deaths of small-pox in the State this year;

(b) when did the epidemic make its appearance in Ernakulam first this year and the total number of attacks and deaths in the Ernakulam Municipal area; of these the number vaccinated among the attacks and deaths separately;

(c) is it not compulsory that every one living within the Municipal area should be vaccinated;

(d) the total number of vaccinated people in Ernakulam;

(e) what all actions have the Government taken to prevent the spreading of the disease?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Up to 11th Edavam 1105.

Attacks	3,858.
Deaths	991.

(b) Early in the year.

Up to 13th Mithunam 1105

Attacks	926
Deaths	239

No data to find out the exact number.

(c) No.

(b) whether the Chief Engineer and the Diwan have not been requested to provide in the Budget for the ensuing year the amount required for completing this item of work in 1106; and if so,

(c) what has been done with respect to this request?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Information regarding the exact areas which would fall within the Town and Panchayat through which the road will run has been called for. Also an estimate is being got prepared.

(b) Yes.

(c) Please vide answer to sub-division (a).

APPENDIX I.

Vide Answer to Question No. 4.

Extract from the Sub-Inspector's Report.

"The Headmasters and to some extent some Managers too, wanted to give some satisfactory explanation for poor attendance. They find an advantageous position in bringing forward this plea of ill-treatment and take the earliest opportunity to make much of little things."
